

SUCCESSION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (1971—2007)

The Federal Magistrates Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 1107) created the office of United States magistrate to replace the office of United States commissioner and gave magistrates broad authority to assist district judges with judicial responsibilities. Subsequent legislation further increased the authority of the magistrate, and the Judicial Improvement Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 5089) formally changed the title of magistrate to magistrate judge.

The Judicial Conference of the United States determines the location and number of magistrate judge positions for each district. Magistrate judges are appointed by the district judges. Full-time magistrate judges serve eight year terms, and part-time magistrate judges serve four year terms and both may be reappointed for successive terms if approved by a majority of the district judges.

Each magistrate judge who has served in the Northern District of Texas is listed below.

ABILENE DIVISION (One Judgeship)

1. Joanne Strauss, part-time (1971-1972)²³
2. John W. Weeks, part-time (1980-1986)
3. Billy W. Boone, part-time (1987-2003)
4. Philip R. Lane (2003-present)

AMARILLO DIVISION (One Judgeship)

1. Robert R. Sanders, part-time (1971-1987)
2. Clinton E. Averitte (1987-present)

DALLAS DIVISION (Four Judgeships)

1. Bailey F. Rankin (1971-1979)
2. John B. Tolle (1979-1998)
3. Paul D. Stickney (1998-present)

1. Patrick Mulloy (1971-1979)
2. William F. Sanderson, Jr. (1979-present)

1. Jane J. Boyle (1990-2002)
2. Irma C. Ramirez (2002-present)

1. Jeff Kaplan (1994-present)

FORT WORTH DIVISION (One Judgeship)

1. Alex H. McGlinchey (1975-1996)²⁴
2. Charles M. Bleil (1996-present)

LUBBOCK DIVISION (One Judgeship)

1. Bill H. Brister, part-time (1971-1984)
2. J.Q. Warnick, Jr. (1984-1998)
3. Nancy M. Koenig (1998-present)

SAN ANGELO DIVISION (One Part-time Judgeship until 2003)²⁵

1. Philip R. Lane, part-time (1971-2003)

WICHITA FALLS DIVISION (One Part-time Judgeship)

1. Gene Richie, part-time (1971-1979)
2. Robert K. Roach, part-time (1980-present)